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By Facsimile and ECF

The Honorable James Orenstein
United States Magistrate Judge
U. S. District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litigation, No. 06 MD 1738 (DGT) (JO)

Dear Magistrate Judge Orenstein,

I am in receipt of your Order dated January 22, 2008 in which you invite the Ministry of Commerce ("Ministry") of the People's Republic of China to submit a letter with respect to certain issues relating to depositions that have been noticed in the pending action. I have sent a copy of the Order to my Firm's Beijing office for translation and prompt delivery to the Ministry.

I note that I read Your Honor's Order to invite the Ministry to submit a response by Friday, January 24, 2008. Holding aside the 13-hour time difference between New York and Beijing, and that the subject matter of Your Honor's Order is one that I have never discussed with the Ministry, the Ministry is an administrative authority of a foreign sovereign that will be subject to certain internal deliberative processes that are not necessarily compatible with the time frame of Your Honor's invitation. Nevertheless, I will forward the Ministry's response, if authorized, as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel M. Mitnick". Below the signature, there is a small oval containing the name "Joel M. Mitnick".

Joel M. Mitnick
Counsel for Amicus the Ministry of Commerce of
the People's Republic of China

cc: Liaison Counsels by Email